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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: LIQUID DISCHARGE RECORDING
HEAD, LIQUID DISCHARGE
RECORDING APPARATUS, AND
METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING
LIQUID DISCHARGE HEAD

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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

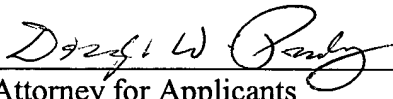
The Notice of Allowability mailed May 27, 2005 included, as an attachment, a statement of reasons for allowance.

However, not all of the features cited by the Examiner accurately reflect what is recited in the independent claims. For example, independent Claim 60 does not recite an “edge” portion of a sheet member “that is mounted to the main body” of the liquid discharge head. For another example, neither independent Claim 28 nor independent Claim 60 contains recitations pertaining to “can prevent the eventual peeling-off of the orifice plate which would

ultimately damage the recording head . . . after long period of use” or “to clean the ink . . . during the wiping operations.” Nevertheless, Applicants respectfully submit that each of the pending claims is allowable for its combination of claimed features.

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